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Bill No. HB 1249

Streamline registration/licensing businesses
Brief title

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Reps. Dunn/Costa (Req. Sec. of State)
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BACKGROUND:

The Business License Center within the Department of Licensing provides a single location where businesses may apply for a master license incorporating separate licenses issued by different state agencies. The Business License Center is required to keep and distribute information about the separate licenses that may be incorporated into a master license.

Documents relating to corporations, including articles of incorporation, are filed with the secretary of state's office.

The Department of Labor and Industries regulates and licenses a number of occupations including electricians and regulates and inspects a number of activities, such as the installation of mobile homes.

The Employment and Security Department administers the state's unemployment compensation program and provides employment and training services.

The Department of Revenue assesses and collects various state taxes and adopts rules relating to those taxes.

SUMMARY:

The director of the Department of Licensing is authorized to contract with the federal Department of Internal Revenue Services to issue conditional federal employer identification numbers in conjunction with any application for a master business license. I authorized the director of the Department of Licensing may contract with different state agencies or local governments that participate in the master business licensing program to issue conditional federal employer identification numbers in conjunction with applications for master business licenses.

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The secretary of state, director of the Department of Labor and Industries, commissioner of Employment Security Department and director of the Department of Revenue are also authorized to contract with the federal Department of Internal Revenue Services to issue conditional federal employer identification numbers in conjunction with applications for master business licenses.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 1997.